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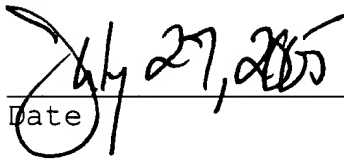
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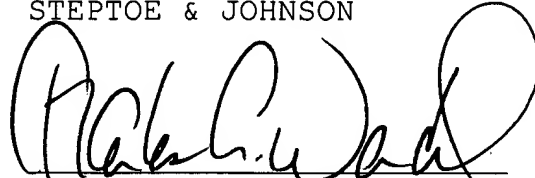
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached. U.S. Patent 6,350,421 is also attached as the English translation of EP 0982066.

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